

REMARKS

In further response to the Restriction requirement of April 5, 2007 and as a supplemental response to the reply submitted on April 27, 2007, Applicant hereby corrects an inadvertent error in the previous reply. More specifically, Applicant elects to continue prosecution of Group I, namely Claims 1 – 13, **with traverse**. The previous reply's indication of election without traverse is incorrect and the previous election without traverse is hereby rescinded.

It is respectfully submitted that the inventions of Groups I and II are related to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because the inventions share the same or corresponding special technical features. For example, both Groups include Form V and various steps not disclosed in any prior art. Applicant respectfully submits that both Groups are directed to processes that comprise various steps. Sysko et al. (US 5,248,699) does not disclose or suggest all the steps as defined in the pending claims of Groups I and II. According to MPEP 2131, "A claim is anticipated only if **each and every element** as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." *Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California*, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). In addition, according to MPEP 2143.01, the mere fact that references can be combined or modified does not render the resultant combination obvious unless the prior art also suggests the desirability of the combination. *In re Mills*, 916 F.2d 680, 16 USPQ2d 1430 (Fed. Cir. 1990).

Because Sysko has not disclose or suggest all the limitations, including the steps, in the pending claims of Groups I and II, it does not anticipates the invention as claimed or render the present invention obvious. Even if Sysko can be modified, the Examiner has not provide the motivation or suggestion for the modification. Thus, a prima facie case of obviousness has not been established.

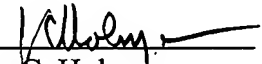
Because the inventions in Groups I and II are related to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 for the reasons stated above, withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

An action on the merits of all of the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are also respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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